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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/1/5,2/13/6,7/13/6</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 – 5 and 11 – 13 remain in this case for examination pursuant to the response election in the reply filed on November 20, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cosman (US6006126) in view of Acker (US6580938), alone or further in view of Cosman (US6675040). .

Cosman '126 teaches a method for guiding an instrument to a patient target site including

Capturing an intra-operative ultrasound image,

Coordinating via markers an internal structure viewed by the ultrasound image to the physical space coordinate system i.e. external to any reference within the image, using cameras and markers to also reference an operative instrument to the physical space, and in which a processor determines coordinates and positions for the instrument and target location in the reference system, and displaying from the perspective of the instrument in the reference coordinate system per col. 9 discussion.

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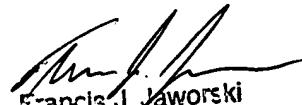
While Cosman manipulates a line of sight in relation to display of the surgical instrument, it would have been obvious in view of Acker that in order to further assist the physician, a displayed view of the instrument 26' may be accompanied by a view of the target line 66 to target T, the target line being representable by an arrow.such an indicia set such as including line, arrow tip and/or fletching stylizations would constitute a set of indicia not representing target geometry.

Whereas Cosman '126 suggests that view orientations may be selected, it would have been further obvious in view of the latter Cosman that by mounting and tracking optics on the surgeon's head the anatomic views can be registered with a source of video as part of the surgical microscopy instrumentation and therefore the display may represent the field seen by this device as a view of the patient and target site.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jaworski Francis J. at telephone number 571-272-4738.

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